

REMARKS:

At the time of the Office Action, claims 2-20 were pending. Claims 3-7 and 9-20 stand allowed, and claims 2 and 8 stand rejected. Pursuant to this Amendment, claims 2 and 8 have been amended. Claims 2-20 remain pending.

Allowance of claims 3-7 and 9-20 is noted with thanks.

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Seron (U.S. Patent No. 2,877,598). Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seron in view of Lan (U.S. Patent No. 6,058,578). These rejections are traversed for at least the following reasons.

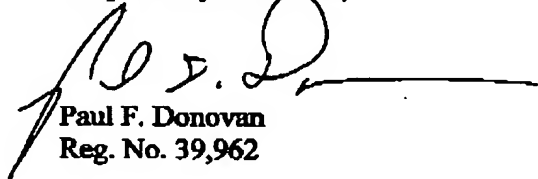
Without agreeing with the Examiner as to what is or is not taught by the art of record, claims 2 and 8 have been amended to more clearly define over the cited references. Neither Seron or Lan, taken alone or in combination, teach the structure associated with the attachment device in combination with the other limitations cited therein. For at least these reasons, claim 2 and 8 are allowable thereover.

No new matter has been added by way of the amendments and remarks made herein. Reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any remaining issues that can be addressed and expedited by telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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